(b) if so, the quantum of assistance likely to be provided by the World Bank for the same;

(c) the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with the World Bank in this regard; and

(d) the extent to which the railway lines/projects would be improved with this assistance?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (d) There is no proposal for the present, to expand the Railway system with World Bank assistance.

Number of tourists visiting Darjeeling during 1989-90

1130. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists who visited Darjeeling during 1989-90; the number of foreign tourists and the amount of foreign exchange earned by the country from their visits;

(b) which are the States mainly dependent on tourism in our country; and

(c) what was the amount of foreign exchange earned by the visits of foreign tourists during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) The number of tourists who visited Darjeeling during 1989-90 were 346568 including 19431 foreign tourists. Estimates of foreign exchange earnings are not worked out separately for any place.

(b) Though tourism has become an important segment of Indian industry, there ar eno States mainly dependent on tourism in the country.

(c) The estimates of foreign exchange earning from tourism during the last 3 years are as given below:

Year	Rs. in Crores
1987-88	1856
1988-89	2103
1989-90	2456 (Provisional)

Income and expenditure of toy train of Darjeeling

1131. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average annual income and expenditure in relation to the Toy Train of Darjeeling;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the expansion, promotion or development of the Ting Himalayan Railways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The average annual income and expenditure of the last two years, relating to the narrow gauge train service between New Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling, i.e. 1988-89 and 1989-90 are as follows:

(Rs. in thousand)

Income	Expenditure
674	4806

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Failure of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

1132. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme introduced in the country has failed;

(b) the States where the scheme was introduced;

(c) the reasons for its failure; and

(d) the loss incurred in the implementation of this scheme during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Since its inception, the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) has been quite popular and beneficial to the farmers. This is clear from the fact that during the VII Plan, the scheme was implemented by 19 States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and 3 U.Ts of Andaman & Nicobar, Delhi and Pondicherry covering 244 lakh farmers over an area of 430 lakh ha. insuring sum of Rs. 5233.26 crores.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.

(d) The total indemnity claims payable during the VII Plan (upto Rabi 1989-90) were Rs. 620.68 crores against a premia income of Rs. 90.54 crores only.

Observing the year 1991 as 'Visit India Year'

1133. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to observe the year, 1991, as 'Visit India Year';

(b) if so, the details of the new trains likely to be introduced in the year to meet the tourist traffic together with the changes in railway services; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed for completion of Kalka-Parwanoo railway line, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of train services is a continuous process. Trains are introduced from time to time keeping in view different traffic trends including tourist potential, availability of resources and operational feasibility. A list of new trains proposed to be introduced during the year 1991-92 is as follows:

1. Bombay-Varanasi Express.
2. Tirupati-Secunderabed Express (Via Nadikude).
3. Bombay Central Ahmedabad Inter-City Express.
4. Ranchi-Rourkela Link Express to be linked with Bombay-Howrah Express.
5. Bangalore-Tirupati Inter-city Express.
6. Allahabad-Agra Cantt. Express.
7. Allahabad City-Chhapra Express (MG).
8. Firozpur Cantt.-Jammu Tawi Express.
9. Visakhapatnam-New Delhi Bi-weekly Express.
10. Puri-Tirupati Weekly Express.
11. Porbandar-Wansjaliya Passengers.

(c) There is no proposal to construct Kalka-Parwanoo railway line.

शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस का चलाया जाना

1143. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 20 फ़रवरी, 1991 के "वीर अर्जुन" में प्रकाशित हुए इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि दिल्ली और भोपाल के बीच सबसे तीव्र गति से चलने वाली शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस कभी भी दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो सकती है क्योंकि इसकी पटरी के निर्माण में उच्च गति वाली पटरी के लिए आवश्यक नियमों का पालन नहीं किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है?